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To Whom It May Concern:

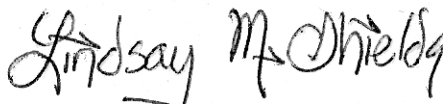
My name is Lindsay Shields and I graduated from the educational theatre department at NYU in January 2009, seeking employment for the 2009-2010 school year and beyond. In the interim semester, I am serving as a literacy coach for a dual language elementary school and a screenwriting/film-making instructor for a high school. This past fall semester, I acted as a maternity leave replacement for 12<sup>th</sup> grade English and ELL at Brooklyn International High School.

I am looking for a position teaching ELA, drama, and/or media literacy. I hold dual certification in English and drama, with most of my experience working with young people ages 8-18. I work with students to create meaningful, relevant learning experiences. For example, when working on persuasive writing at Brooklyn International, I teamed with the National Writing Project to post student essays on the internet prompting the next president to tackle issues students cared about. I also set up a secure internet site where students could submit their homework, post to a class blog, and send messages. I believe that students must master new technology in order to get ahead in the digital age.

Prior to working in New York City, I was a drama and English teacher in India and Thailand. My travels and experiences abroad and within the U.S. have strengthened my quest to unite people of all backgrounds and value systems through intercultural education. I am especially dedicated to working with ELLs, helping them gain skills to navigate an English-dominated school environment.

I do hope you will strongly consider my application to work at your school. Feel free to contact me regarding references or with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay M. Shields". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay M. Shields